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II. (a) Fifty-sixth Annual Report and Accounts of the Coffee Board, Bangalore, for the year 1995-96, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

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Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): Madam, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under sub-section (4) of Section 94 of the Finance Act, 1994, together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:—

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2361/97]

(1) G.S.R. No. 315(E), dated the 6th June, 1997 appointing regarding appearance of 15th day of June, 1997 as the date on which the provisions of certain sections of the Finance Act, 1997, shall come into force, except the service tax on taxable services specified in certain sub-clauses of the Finance Act, 1994.

(2) G.S.R. 316(E), dated the 6th June, 1997 publishing the Service Tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 1997.

(3) G.S.R. No. 345(E), dated the 26th June, 1997 bringing into force with effect from 1.7.97 the Service Tax on the taxable services provided by an air travel agent and a mandap keeper.

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(4) G.S.R.No. 346(E), dated the 26th June, 1997 publishing the Service Tax (Third Amendment) Rules, 1997.

(5) G.S.R. 347(E), dated the 26th July, 1997 exempting, if necessary, in the public interest so much of the service tax leviable on a mandap keeper, as is in excess of the amount of service tax calculated on sixty per cent of the gross amount charged from the client by the mandap keeper, for the use of mandap including the facilities provided to the client in relation to such use and also for the catering charges.

(6) G.S.R. No. 348(E), dated the 26th June, 1997 exempting, if necessary in the public interest from the levy of service tax, that portion of the value of taxable service referred to in sub-clause (1) of clause (41) of section 65 of the Finance Act 1994 which is in excess of the commission received by the air travel agent from the airline for booking of passage for travel by air.

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(7) G.S.R. No. 357(E), dated the 2nd July, 1997 appointing 7th day of July, 1997 as the date on which the service tax on taxable services specified in certain sub-clauses of Section 65 of the Finance Act, 1994 shall come into force.

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(8) G.S.R. No. 358(E), dated the 2nd July, 1997 publishing the Service Tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 1997.

(9) G.S.R. No. 359(E), dated the 2nd July, 1997 exempting, if necessary, in the public interest the levy of service tax, the value of taxable service rendered by a consulting engineer to a client in respect of any. Project based in a foreign country subject to the condition that the charges for such services are received in convertible foreign exchange.

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-2360/97 for (8) and (9)]

(10) G.S.R. No. 271(E), dated the 23rd May, 1997 amending Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. 5/96- Service Tax dated the 3rd April; 1996 exempting the taxable services provided by the telegraph authority to Diplomatic Missions or members thereof of 11 more specified countries from the whole of service tax leviable thereon.

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II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under sub-section (2) of Section 38 of the Central Excise and Salt Act, 1944, to gether with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 235(E), dated the 29th April, 1997 seeking to prescribe revised tariff values on aerated waters, generally known as soft drinks, falling under heading No. 22.02 of the Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 for the purpose of levy of excise duty.

(2) G.S.R. No. 236(E), dated the 29th April, 1997 seeking to amend Notification No. 2/95-CE., so as to omit S. No. 2A and entries relating thereto in the Table annexed to the said notification and the reference to sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph 9.9 of the Export and Import Policy.

(3) G.S.R. No. 241(E), dated the 3rd May, 1997 seeking to amend Notification No. 4/97-CE., so as to exempt steam used within the factory of its production from whole of excise duty.

(4) G.S.R. No. 252(E), dated, the 9th May, 1997 seeking to amend Notification No. 4/97-CE., so as to exempt excise duty on vegetable saps and extracts falling under Chapter 13 of the CET.

(5) G.S.R. No. 321(E), dated the 13th June, 1997 providing full exemption from excise duty to certain categories of goods specified therein.

(6) G.S.R. No. 327(E), dated the 17th June, 1997 waiving duty of Excise and Additional Duty of Excise on unbranded chewing tobacco for the period from 1.3.94 to 7.3.94.

(7) G.S.R. No. 242(E), dated the 25th June, 1997 seeking to amend Notification No. 4/97-CE, at the 1st March, 1997 so as to exempt from excise duty security paper cylinder mould vat made) falling under heading No 48.02 of the Schedule to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 manufactured by the Security Paper Mill, Hoshangabad, and supplied to the Bank Note Press, Dewas the Currency Note Press, Nashik; or the India Security Press Nashik,

(8) G.S.R. No. 353(E), dated the 27th June, 1997 providing a manufacturer with an alternative scheme of excise duty exemption in terms of which a 'small scale industry' can pay concessional duty and also avail of the facility of Modvat.

(9) G.S.R. No. 354(E), dated the 30th June, 1997 making consequential amendments to Notification Nos. 83 & 84/94-CE., and No. 4/97-CE., dated the 1st March, 1997 so as to also include a reference to the alternative scheme of small scale exemption as provided in Notification No. 38/97 Central Excise dated the 27th June, 1977 and also making consequential amendment to Notification No. 16/97 Central Excise dated the 1st April, 1977 as to incorporate the provision of determining the value based on the MRP.

(10) G.S.R. No. 368(E), dated the 7th July, 1997 seeking to amend Notification No. 1/95-CE., dated the 4th June, 1995. In order to allow receipt of the specified goods without payment of central excise duty into a hundred percent export oriented undertaking of a export processing zone.

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(11) G.S.R. No. 239(E), dated the 1st May, 1997 publishing the Central Excise (Third Amendment) Rules 1997.

(12) G.S.R. No. 314(E), dated the 6th June, 1997 seeking to extend the levy of duty at the rate of Rs. 6 per kg. on the process of dyeing, printing, bleaching or mercerising of yarns.

(13) G.S.R. No. 329(E), dated the 19th June, 1997 seeking to extend the provisions of Section 4A of the Central Excise Act, 1944 to cosmetics and toiletries.

(14) G.S.R. No. 330(E), dated the 19th June, 1997 seeking to provide fifty per cent of the retail sale price as abatement for the purposes of determining the assessable value on which excise duty in respect of cosmetics and toiletries is payable.

(15) G.S.R. No. 334(E), dated the 20th June, 1997 making consequential amendment of technical nature to Notification No. 140/83-CE, so as to incorporate the revised definition of "value" arising as a consequence of the issue of Notification No. 18/97-CE (NT) dated the 19th June, 1997.

(16) G.S.R. No. 356(E), dated the 2nd July, 1997 granting exemption from excise duty on waste and scrap of cupro-nickel and aluminium-megnesium cleared from an India. Govt. Mint for conversion into strips of job work basis.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2363/97 for (11) to (16)]

III. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962 together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 233(E), dated the 29th April, 1997 seeking to amend Notification No. 11/97-CUS. dated 1st March, 1997 so as to exempt kits required for conversion of motor-spirit driven vehicles into propane driven vehicles upto and inclusive of 31st March, 1998.

(2) G.S.R. No. 253(E), dated the 12th May, 1997 relating to certain amendments in Notification No. 34/97-Customs dated 7th April, 1997.

(3) G.S.R. No. 269(E), dated the 21st May, 1997 seeking to amend Notification No. 11/97-CUS. so as to substitute "Recombinant bovine somatotropin" in place of the existing entry "Bovine somatotrain" in item (6) of list I appended to the said Notification.

(4) G.S.R. No. 275(E), dated the 26th May, 1997 seeking to exempt petroleum crude of the Customs Tariff from so much of the additional duty of customs as is equal to the cess leviable on domestically produced petroleum crude under the Oil Industry Development Act, 1974.

(5) G.S.R. No. 300(E), dated the 2nd June, 1997 seeking to amend Notification No. 11/97-CUS. dated 1.3.97 so as to prescribe concessional rate of basic customs duty to 20 per cent and exempt from additional customs duty certain specified goods re-scribe concessional rate of basic cellular mobile service, radio paging service and value added service.

(6) G.S.R. No. 301(E), dated the 3rd June, 1997 seeking to amend Notification No. 11/97-CUS. dated 1.3.97 so as to prescribe a concessional rate of basic customs duty of 10 per cent ad valorem on external silicone breast prosthesis.

(7) G.S.R. No. 308(E), dated the 5th June, 1997 publishing the Project Imports (Amendment) Regulations, 1997.

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(8) G.S.R. No. 249(E), dated May 7, 1997 amending Notification No. 11/97-CUS. dated March 1, 1997 so as to prescribe concessional rates of customs duty on various goods specified therein.

(9) G.S.R. No. 250(E), dated May 7, 1997 amending Notification No. 13/97-CUS. dated March 1, 1995 to prescribe a concessional basic customs duty on certain items.

(10) G.S.R. No. 276(E) dated May 26, 1997 exempting petroleum crude from so much of the additional duty of customs as is equal to the cess leviable on domestically produced petroleum crude.

(11) G.S.R. No. 322(E), dated June 13, 1997 substituting list 8A of Notification No. 11/97-Customs with a more comprehensive list of goods eligible for concessional customs duty, if imported for setting up crude petroleum refinery.

(12) G.S.R. No. 373(E), dated July 9, 1997, amending Notification No. 11/97-CUS., so as to specifically prescribe 20 per cent ad valorem basic customs duty on certain apparatus and equipment used mainly in the manufacture of semi-conductors. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2362/97 for (8) to (12)]

IV. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 77 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985:—

(1) S.O. No. 503(E), dated the 16th July, 1997 making amendment in the Table against the specification of 'Small Quantity' in respect of certain Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under section 27 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

(2) S.O. No. 527(E), dated the 23rd July, 1997 making amendment in the Table against the specification of 'Small Quantity' in respect of certain Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances under section 27 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

(3) G.S.R. No. 350(E), dated the 27th June, 1997 publishing the Narcotic Drugs and Pspchotropic Substances (Amendment) Rules, 1997. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT- 2317/97 for (1) to (3)]

V. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Company Affairs), Notification G.S.R. No. 388(E), dated the 15th July, 1997, publishing the Cost Accounting Records (Sugar) Rules, 1997, under subsection (3) of Section 642 of the Companies Act, 1956.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2313/97]

VI. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Finance), under Section 10 of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 428(E), dated the 29th July, 1997, publishing the Customs Tariff (Identification and Assessment of Safeguard Duty) Rules, 1997 together with explanatory memorandum on the Notification.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2364/97]

(ii) G.S.R. No. 234(E), dated the 29th April, 1997, seeking to impose anti-dumping duty on Bisphenol-A exported from the United States of America into India by the exporters.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2316/97]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROBLEMS OF COTTON GROWERS

SHRI SOM PAL (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, with your permission, I beg to present the Report (in English and Hindi) of the Committee on Problems of Cotton Growers.

ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held on Monday, the 11th August, 1997, allotted time for Gov-